

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s) Niels MACHE et al.  
Serial No. 09/727,182  
For **INSTANT MESSAGING**  
Filed November 30, 2000  
Examiner LAZARO, David R.  
Art Unit : 2155



MAIL STOP AF  
COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ No additional fee is required.  
☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below.  
☐ This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

**Claims as Amended**

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Present extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional fee
Total claims	21	Minus	21 =	0 x	\$18(9)	= \$0
Independent claims	3	Minus	3 =	0 x	\$88(44)	= \$0
				Total additional fee for this amendment		= \$0

- \* If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5.  
\*\* If the highest number of total claims previously paid for is less than 20, write "20" in this space.  
\*\*\* If the highest number of independent claims previously paid for is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

- ☐ This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$290 (\$145) has been previously paid ☐, or is paid herewith ☐.
- ☐ This response is being filed within the \_\_\_\_\_ month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. This is a petition to request a -month extension of time. A check covering the cost of the petition is enclosed.
- ☐ A USPTO Form 2038 – Credit Card Payment Form in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ .00 is attached, which covers the cost of ☐ additional claims and ☐ -month petition for extension of time.
- ☐ Charge \$\_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.
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**AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 116**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of August 27, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 4.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9.